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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES 30 YEAR SENTENCE FOR KOKOMO MAN ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Latest successful prosecution of defendant for producing, possessing child pornography

PRESS RELEASE

KOKOMO – Joseph H. Hogsett, the United States Attorney, announced today that Michael D. Faucett, age 49, of Kokomo, has been sentenced to decades in prison by U.S. District Judge Tonya Walton Pratt following his guilty plea to two counts of producing child pornography (for which he received two 180 month sentences) and possessing child pornography (for which he received a five year sentence). Faucett was ordered by Judge Pratt to serve the two 15 year sentences consecutively, meaning he faces a total of 30 years in federal prison.

“Today we can announce more results in our ongoing effort to protect Hoosier children and hold accountable those who exploit or endanger them,” Hogsett said. “Our nationally-recognized child exploitation team is committed to working with our local law enforcement partners to identify, investigate, and bring to justice all those who engage in such disturbing behavior.”

Court documents indicate that an investigation into Faucett was launched in 2011 after the Fishers Police Department, in conjunction with the Hamilton County Metropolitan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, became aware of images of child pornography being distributed from a computer located in Kokomo.

A search warrant was obtained, and local law enforcement examined computer equipment found within Faucett’s home, locating numerous images of child pornography. The investigation further revealed that Faucett possessed a number of sexually explicit images that he had taken of his relative, Jane Doe, a child born in 2004.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Pratt also imposed lifetime supervised release following Faucett's release from prison.

This prosecution was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the Kokomo and Fishers Police Departments. This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.

Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

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